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Gov. Perdue Appoints Higdon to 20B District Court Bench

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today appointed **Stephen V. Higdon** to the District Court bench for the 20B Judicial District for Union County. Higdon will fill the vacancy created by the election of Judge Christopher Bragg to the Superior Court Bench.

"Stephen Higdon's years of experience as an assistant district attorney prepares him well to serve on the District Court bench," says Gov. Perdue. "He has a strong track record as a prosecutor and I feel confident he will serve the citizens of Union County well."

Higdon has served as an assistant district attorney for the District Attorney's office in Union County for 14 years. During that time he prosecuted cases in both District and Superior Courts, and implemented Project Bull's-eye, a program to identify and prosecute habitual offenders. He is past president of the Union County Bar, and serves on the board of director for the Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry.

Higdon received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his law degree from Wake Forest University.